

## **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: WARREN COUNTY SEWER**

**DATE: JULY 24, 2006**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisors Belden  
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**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

William Lamy, Deputy DPW Superintendent  
Joan Parsons, Commissioner of  
Administrative and Fiscal Services  
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board  
Supervisor Barody  
Supervisor VanNess  
Maury Thompson, The Post Star  
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist

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In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman Belden called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m. Mr. Belden noted there was not a quorum present and the Committee proceeded with an informal discussion.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Lamy, Deputy DPW Superintendent, who distributed copies of his agenda packet, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Lamy began by addressing item number one of his agenda, which were referrals from prior Warren County Sewer Committee meetings. He advised the Committee that the Hague Treatment Plant was completed and that Clough, Harbour & Associates would be forwarding a Certificate of Construction Completion certifying that the project has been finished. Mr. Lamy added that the Warren County Sewer Committee and the Board of Supervisors had already approved the resolution request presented to transfer the Treatment Plant to the Town of Hague. He said that Paul Dusek, County Attorney, was to finalize a document transferring ownership to the Town of Hague in the near future.

Mr. Belden asked if the transfer of ownership would be addressed at the August Board Meeting to which Mr. Lamy replied that it would not, as no further action was needed to proceed with the change. He said that as with past transfers, the County Attorney would develop a document to be signed by both the Chairman of the Board and Mr. Belden, Supervisor of the Town of Hague, to transfer the Treatment Plant to the Town of Hague.

Mr. Belden said that the Town of Hague had contacted their insurance carriers to notify them of the addition of the Treatment Plant and added that coverage would be in place for the Plant on the date of the transfer. Joan Parsons, Commissioner of Administrative and Fiscal Services, noted that coverage for the Treatment Plant would have to be removed from Warren County's insurance policy once the change was made.

Mr. Belden asked when the transfer of ownership would occur and Mr. Lamy indicated

that the transfer was imminent and would be made within the next month or so.

Proceeding to the next item of the agenda, Mr. Lamy noted that both Warren County's insurance carrier and National Grid had been contacted and a check was being processed to reimburse the Town of Hague for damages incurred to their equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during a wind storm on February 17, 2006.

Mr. Barody entered the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Lamy reported that on July 13, 2006 he and representatives of Clough, Harbour and Associates held a public informational meeting with the citizens of the Town of Hague with respect to the proposed sewer project. He said that at the meeting the Town of Hague was presented with a map, plan and report for the Sewer District. Mr. Lamy stated that \$3 million in grant funds were designated for the project, all of which would be used for the plan proposed by himself and Clough, Harbour and Associates. In reviewing the plan, Mr. Lamy said that the Town Board noticed that two areas of the Town of Hague would not be reached by the proposed Sewer District.

Mr. Lamy said it was the Town Boards request that he, in conjunction with Clough, Harbour and Associates, develop a plan, regardless of cost, to extend the Sewer District to include Forest Bay and Pine Cove, the two areas not serviced by the current plan. He said that this was done and noted that the additional cost at the Town level would be \$655,000. Mr. Lamy said that this information was presented to the citizens of the Town of Hague and was well received. He added that the Town Board had adopted a resolution to schedule a Public Hearing to form the Sewer District as they were not deterred by the additional cost of the project. Mr. Belden advised that the Public Hearing was scheduled for August 8, 2006.

Mr. Lamy said that after the Public Hearing there would be a thirty day window for the receipt of public comment. After that time, if there was not sufficient opposition to the project or petition to hold a referendum, the Town of Hague could adopt a resolution to form the Sewer District in September, Mr. Lamy advised. He added that the next step was for the Town of Hague to forward the plan documents to the Audit and Control for their approval. Mr. Lamy said that if a petition was filed with the Town of Hague during the comment period, the Town would be required to set up a public referendum where all of the residents meeting a specified criteria would vote on the project prior to the Town proceeding with the formation of the Sewer District.

Mr. Belden said that he did not think there would be any requirement for the vote as the majority of the residents were in favor of the project.

Mr. Lamy apprised that the only stumbling point in this project may be with the Audit and Control as they had a statute which required a special variance request if the user fee was more than \$585 for the service. He added that the biggest concern was how long it

would take the Audit and Control to recognize and respond to these variance requests if they became necessary. Mr. Lamy stated that the projected user fee for the Town of Hague without any additional grant funds, based on the current rate of borrowing, was \$795. Additional grant funds or a change in interest rates would lower this figure, he added.

Mr. Belden said that the Town of Hague would continue to search for additional funds for the project.

Mr. VanNess entered the meeting at 10:37a.m.

Mr. Lamy said that the Town of Bolton's sewer project was expected to be finished the following week. Once the design was completed it would need to be approved by the Town of Bolton, NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), prior to securing bids for phase two of the project, he added.

The construction of the clarigester effluent line at the Village of Lake George Wastewater Plant was expected to be completed during the second week of August, Mr. Lamy said. He added that bidding had begun on additional work to replace the media in a trickling filter and to put a cover over the trickling filter. In addition, Mr. Lamy noted, there would be a bid to replace some piping to improve hydraulic efficiency within the plant. All of these jobs were on schedule and moving ahead, Mr. Lamy said.

Mr. Lamy advised that the project period allotted in the current grant ended on March 31, 2007. He said that he had contacted John Mellow of the EPA to find out when Warren County should request an extension of the project period and noted that extensions had been requested and approved twice in the past. Mr. Mellow advised that the EPA would contact Warren County early in 2007 to check the status of the project and at that time paperwork could be completed to extend the project, Mr. Lamy stated. He added that Mr. Mellow gave the indication that another extension would be granted.

Mr. Belden thanked Mr. Lamy for his appearance at the meeting in the Town of Hague to explain the proposed Sewer District project and to answer questions from the public. He added that the meeting went very well. Mr. Lamy agreed that the meeting was a success and noted that maps of the sewer extension were available for anyone wishing to review the proposed layout of the project.

As there was no further business to be discussed by the Warren County Sewer Committee Mr. Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist